

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COOPERATION WITH USA IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance co-operation between India and USA in the health sector ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the likely benefits to accrue to the people as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The on-going cooperation between India and USA in the health sector is in the field of vaccine development, HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Health, Contraceptives, Environmental and Occupational Health.

Recently, India and USA have signed a Joint Statement on Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases and Disease Surveillance to boost infectious disease control programme in India. Under this, the Centre for Disease Control (CDC), USA would collaborate with National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), New Delhi and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi for disease surveillance as well as prevention and control of communicable diseases.

The Indo-US Joint Statement issued during the Prime Minister of India's visit to USA in July 2005 commits both the countries to strengthen cooperation and combating HIV/AIDS at a global level through an initiative that mobilizes private sector and Government resources, knowledge and expertise.

(c): The Indo-US collaboration in the health sector has facilitated collaborative research, expert consultations, training and exchange of scientists, technology transfer and joint publications, research capacity building, infrastructure development, collaboration on disease outbreak investigation and response.